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From the Evening Poſt, April 21.

Paris, April 27.

ON Eaſter-day, during the Time of Divine Service, there happened an Accident in the Church of our Lady, which ſet all the Congregation in a great Fright: A Ladder falling from the Scaffolding erected for repairing the Roof of the Church, made ſo great a Noiſe in its Fall from one Storey upon another, before it reached the Ground, that People thought the whole Roof was tumbling down: Every one ſtrove to get away, and the Crowd was ſo great at the Doors, that many were trampled under Foot, and others much cruſhed; a vaſt Number of Canes, Swords, Hats, Perwigs, Snuff boxes, Watches, Tweezer-caſes, &c. were loſt; which makes it be conjectured, that the Fall of the Ladder ought rather to be imputed to the Contrivance of Pickpockets, than to a mere Accident. Card. de Noailles, who then was officiating, could not be prevail'd on to move from the Spot, tho' much importun'd by his Friends.

Petersburg, April 2. On the 26th of laſt Month the Baron de Ciederhielm, Ambaſſador from the K. of Sweden, as alſo the Counteſs his Conſort, had the Honour of dining at the Table of our Empreſs. After Dinner her Majeſty preſented the Count with a Purſe and 3000 Ducats, and the Counteſs with her Picture ſet with Diamonds.

Bern, April 17. They write from Tarberg, that a young Woman of that Place, who is looked upon as a Propheteſs, has not been ſeen either to eat or drink for the Space of 9 Months laſt paſt, whereupon our Regency thought fit to ſend thither Phyſicians to enquire into the Truth of it, who declar'd, that her Body performs none of the natural Functions, and when by main Force ſhe was compelled to take any Food, whether Meat or Broth, ſhe brought it all up again, and vomited Blood with it. Several Perſons have been ſet as Watch over her, who are to ſit up by Turns, and obſerve her very carefully, that they may give an exact Account of her Actions, being ſworn to declare the exact Truth of the Matter. Mr. Fiſher the High Bailiff of this Place, is to have a watchful Eye over all. 'Tis pretended, that for ſeven Years before, ſhe had no other Food than raw Milk, which, 'tis thought brought her to the Condition ſhe is in now.

Petersburg, April 2. The Charge of the fitting out our Fleet amounts to 1500,000 Crowns. 'Tis talked, that 14 or 15000 Horſe, under the Command of Pr. Galiczin, are to march thro' Poland.

Vienna, April 15. Private Letters from Spain ſay, that ſeveral Grandees of that Kingdom are laying their Heads together, to endeavour to remove from the Helm a certain Great Miniſter.

London, April 21. Saturday laſt the Royal Regiment of Blue Guards, commanded by the D. of Bolton, is to be reviewed at Honſlow; after which, 3 Troops of them march for Notingham, 3 more to Leiceſter, and the other 3 remain in Middleſex.

The Princeſs Mary, that was lately inoculated for the Small Pox, is well recovered.

From the Poſt-Man, April 21.

Madrid, April 10. The Miniſters of the Emperor and K. of G. Britain have this Day diſpatched Couriers to Vienna and London. The D. of Wharton, who travels under the Name of *Philobert*, is arrived here, with Lieutenant-General Campbell and ſeveral other Jacobites, who are charged, we hear, with Commiſſions to ſolicite ſomething for the Pretender: But 'tis very much queſtioned, whether they will ſucceed in their Projects. We are aſſur'd, that the Galleons have Orders not to return to Spain this Year.

Vienna, April 10. Mr. Dietling, the Emperor's Reſident at Conſtantinople, writes word, That the Ottoman Porte ſeems reſolved to obſerve an exact Neutrality with reſpect to the Treaties of Vienna and Hanover; and that their Troops are like to find Work enough in Perſia before they carry their Point

Vienna, April 13. 'Tis ſaid the Britiſh Miniſter ſtill inſiſts, that he may have reaſonable Satisfaction for arreſting the Expreſs lately at Belgrade, as he was returning from Conſtantinople to London. A Reſolution was taken Yeſterday in the Council of the Empire about the Affair of Eaſt-Frieſland, but as yet we know not the Content thereof.

Baſil, April 19. The Pretender's Adherents who lurked for a long Time in this Country, having received

ceived a Remittance, are ſet out, as 'tis ſaid, for Spain by way of France.

Paris, *April* 18. They talk here that there will be ſome Change in the Miniſtry, but it is very uncertain. A Sharper in the Habit of a Marquis, attended by ſome of his Comrades in Diſguiſe of Lacqueys that waited on him, having a-mind to travel to the Country, in order to make his Journey the eaſier, thought fit to go to the Market and deal for ſome Horſes, and when he had agreed on the Price for as many as he wanted, he made the Jockey ſo drunk that he could not ſtand or ſpeak, and then rode off with the Prey, having never ſince been heard of.

From the Flying Poſt, *April* 21.

Warſaw, *April* 13. The Count de Vicedom, the King's Miniſter and Grand Chamberlain, was this Day killed in a Duel about 3 Leagues out of Town by the Marquis Dechilly, who was lately created his Majeſty's Chamberlain. They both rode out about Sun riſe, to fight with Piſtles; the Count, who fired firſt, only wounded the Marquis ſlightly; who firing in his Turn, took his Aim ſo properly, that the Count fell from his Horſe, and died in a few Hours after: Upon which the Marquis fled for Refuge to the Nuncio's Palace here, which was inveſted in the Afternoon by an Officer with ſeveral Soldiers, to prevent his getting off. The Corpſe of the deceaſt was carried to his Majeſty's Caſtle at Viabon, where it is to lie embalmed, till returned to Saxony. The whole Court is very much concerned at this ſad Accident. The Deceas'd had not many Days before made his Will, and left it in the Hands of another Miniſter, together with his Accompts. The Prince Royal and the Chief Miniſters are gone to Viabon to ſee his Corpſe.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, *April* 21.

Rome, *April*. 6. The Pope has at length laid aſide his intended Journey to Benevento, at the Perſwaſion of Cardinal Coſcia and ſeveral other Prelates, who have repreſented to him the great Fatigue and Expence with which ſuch a Journey would be attended.

Bruſſels, *Ap.* 22. The Archdutcheſs our Governeſs performed the Ceremony of Holy Thurſday in waſhing the Feet of 12 poor Women, who made up betwixt them 939 Years, the youngeſt wanting but 3 of eighty, and there being two Twin-ſiſters, of 78 Years each, her moſt ſerene Highneſs, who had ſent them new Clothes before Hand, ſerved them at Table, and then gave each of them a great Purſe of Money, and a great Basket full of Meat and Drink of all Sorts.

London, *April* 20. His Majeſty's Ship the the Naſſaw, that was to have gone with Sir Charles Wager's Squadron to the Baltick, having ſprung a Leak at the Nore, is ordered to follow as ſoon as ſhe is refitted.

The *Great Alexander*, Capt. Dunn, of 36 Guns, and above 100 Men, that ſailed hence ſome Time ago for the Coaſt of Guinea, put into Cape Falſo near the Cape of Good Hope; but the Dutch having Notice of it, found Means to ſeize the ſaid Captain and his Purſer; and their Examination taking up ſome Time, the Crew in the mean Time cut her Cables, and went away with the Ship. The Captain being diſmiſſed, and finding his Ship gone, embarked for England on board the James and Mary India Man, lately arrived at Falmouth.

From Miſt's Weekly Journal, *April* ----

You have had a Multitude of Encomiums on your Paper, but there is one Advantge ariſing from it, which I don't remember to have been ever mentioned among them at all; and that is, the Opportunity it affords of making publick what is thought in private, without any Trouble, any Danger of being known, or any Expence. Eſpecially, 'tis an Advantage to ſuch Perſons as are willing to try their Strength in ſmall Attempts, yet have not Pride enough to ſwell into a Volume. A modeſt Man, you may obſerve, let his Merit be what it will, is always backward, always very unwilling to ſhew any Thing of his own compoſing, even to a Friend and Intimate, tho' he be ever ſo free and open with him in other Things. You may ask him an Hundred Times, nay, bait him for a Week together, and not prevail; at firſt, at leaſt, he is mighty reſolute, and would not expoſe himſelf ſo much on any Account; and if he ſhould be at laſt perſwaded to produce, how very ſilly does he look? And what a Number of fooliſh Speeches does he make? "He ſet about it in a Hurry, he took "no Manner of Pains, but wrote it down as faſt as "he could write, then threw it by, and has not "looked upon it ſince. In ſhort, he begs you "would not read it, (after he has put it into your "Hands) for 'tis wretched Stuff." Now whoever is thus in Labour with any Off-ſpring of his Brain, let him only apply to you, and he is eaſily delivered; his Bluſhes and his Speeches at once are ſaved; by your Aſſiſtance he may ſafely ſubmit his Writings to the Peruſal of a thouſand People, and that with Pleaſure, tho' he could never otherwiſe have ſhewn them even to a ſingle Perſon, without a vaſt Deal of Concern. As for my own Part, there is nothing

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could delight me more, than to ſit and ſip my Coffee in a Corner, and hear a Journal read to me of my own compoſing, eſpecially if it ſhould chance to pleaſe; and I fancy too, if it ſhould happen to ſucceed but ill, I could join the Cry, and abuſe my ſelf with a great Deal of Satisfaction. Nor is there leſs Benefit than there is Diverſion in being your Correſpondent; for by this Means, a Man may have the Opinion both of Friends and Enemies freely paſs'd on what he does, without any Danger of Prejudice on one Side, or Flattery on the other; and from thence may learn, either to encourage or correct the Way of thinking he is in at preſent.

To tell you truly, Mr. *Miſt*, I have reſolv'd, for ſome conſiderable Time, to attempt writing thus in *Maſquerade*. For, you muſt know, Sir, I am a young Man that have a Mind to know my ſelf, and my own Abilities; which, I find, 'tis almoſt impoſſible to do in my private Converſation: For the Company I chiefly keep, is only half a dozen Friends, who are all I promiſe you, exceeding honeſt, but much too kind and complaiſant. 'Tis very ſeldom they tell me of any Fault, tho' they know there is no one I could better bear it from than them, but they commend me often to a high Degree: They tell me I am ſtudious, vaſtly prudent, religious, &c. Now what can all this mean? Is it not the Height of Sneer? I ſhall therefore rather impute it to an Exceſs of good Nature, than any Deſign to expoſe their Friend. However, Sir, if you give me Leave to fill a Column or two in your Paper now and then, I doubt not but I ſhall quickly find what they really think of me, as well as what I really am. I am ſure of this, at leaſt, that what I now have ſaid will be publiſhed or ſuppreſſed, as it deſerves, and I from thence may, in ſome Meaſure, conclude what I ought to think of my ſelf, and my Performances, at other Times. *Yours, &c.* B. F.

This Day we had a Mail from Holland.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, April 23.

YEſterday at the Seſſions at the Old Baily, Mr Borgrave a Norfolk Gentleman was tryed for killing Mr. Branthwaite an Attorney of the Temple, in a Duel fought with Swords and Piſtols, in Hide Park, and found guilty of Manſlaughter. Moreguard the French Cook was tried by a Party Jury, for the Murder of the Chelſea Penſioner, and acquitted. The other Cook, who comitted the Fact, is not yet taken. Tho. Billings, Tho. Wood, and Catharine Hays, for the barbarous Murder of Mr. John Hays, the two former pleaded guilty to their Indictments, but the latter being the Wife of the murder'd Perſon pleaded not guilty, however, upon hearing of Council, and examining Evidences, the Jury brought her in guilty. She appeared in Mourning at her Trial; and when the Cloaths of her deceaſt Husband were produc'd, ſhe immediately fell a Swoon at the Bar, and deſired to be carried away, leſt ſhe ſhould miſcarry, ſeveral of the Nobility were preſent at the Trial. Gabriel Lawrence, Thomas Wright, George Roger, and William Griffin, were convicted of the deteſtable Crime of Sodomy.

We hear that Dr. Gardner is again given over by his Phyſicians. This Day General Willis reviewed on Honſlow-heath the Royal Regiment of Blue commanded by the D. of Bolton, and will ſet out next Week for Gloceſter and Worceſter, to review Colonel Churchill and General Evans's Dragoons; after which, 'tis ſaid, they'll march near London to be reviewed by the King.

We hear ſeveral Perſons are taken up in Dublin for enliſting into Foreign Service.

'Tis given out, that his Majeſty's Command, under the Privy Seal, is ſent to Spain, requiring the D. of Wharton to return to England; and that if he refuſe, he will be Attainted by Parliament.

Yeſterday the Lords paſſed the Malt Bill. Mr. Chocke, from the Exchequer, delivered a State of the National Debt in at the Bar; and the Report of the Truſtees for raiſing Money on the Eſtates of the late S. S. Directors, was alſo delivered by their Secretary. A Proteſt is entred, againſt adjourning for a Month the furder Conſideration of that Part of the printed Votes of the Houſe of Commons of the 24th of March 1725, purporting, to be a Meſſage to that Houſe from his Majeſty, *viz.*

1. "Becauſe we (the proteſting Lords) conceive, "the Subject Matter of this Debate, to be of ſo "great a Conſequence to his Majeſty's Service, to "the Honour of this Houſe, to the Conſtitution of "Parliaments, and to the Proſperity of the King-"dom; that it ought not to have been poſtponed "at all, much leſs for ſuch a length of Time. It "muſt be for the Service and Support of the Crown, "to have the Advice of *both* Houſes of Parliament "upon all Occaſions. And as the Meſſage taken "Notice of was only ſent to the Houſe of Com-"mons, there has hitherto been no Communicati-"on with this Houſe thereupon, tho' it contains "Matters of the higheſt Importance; and we "conceive tends to undermine the very Foundation

"of

" of this House, when the *Lower* House alone is ad-
" vised with upon any Matter, which concerns the
" Interest of the whole Kingdom.

2. " As this House has always been esteem'd the
" hereditary and perpetual Guardians of the Liber-
" ties and Properties of the People, they ought not
" to have been excluded from giving their Advice
" in all Matters of public Concern. And the Rights
" of the People of England are, as we conceive, in-
" vaded, when ever they are deprived of this As-
" sistance of this House of Parliament, without
" whom no Aids can be given to the Crown, nor
" no Taxes imposed on the People: And therefore
" we conceive, that this Message being sent to the
" House of Commons only, it tends to subvert
" these Rights."

The Amount of the Sale of the Estates Real and Personal of the late S. Sea Directors is one Million, 984,352, Deburſements and Allowances to them 845,376 L. Remaining unsold 809,000 L. There hath been paid off of the National Debt one Million, 251,632 L. between the 31st of December 1724, and the 31 of December 1725. Total Amount on the 31 of December 1725, 51 Millions, 97580 l.

Affairs Abroad seem now ripe for Action.

S. S. Stock 104, 1 4th. York Buildings 22 3 4ths.

Edinburgh, April 28. Yesternight the Rt. Honourable the Earl of Lowdon, his Majesty's Commissioner to the ensuing General Assembly, arrived in Town from London.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶ There will be published, immediately after Rising of the ensuing General Assembly of this Church, A true Historical Relation of Mr. JAMES CHALMERS, Minister of Dyke, his Call and Admission to the Vacancy in the Town of Aberdeen, in room of the Rev. Mr. Francis Melvil, Minister of the Gospel: Wherein is set forth, 1, The Rise of the Differences in Aberdeen concerning that Matter, which is now grown into a public Cause, and seems (justly) to have alarmed the whole Church of Scotland. 2, The Conduct of the several Church-judicators, particularly the *Commission*, therein. 3, The Consequences which that Settlement will probably have in Aberdeen, and may serve to introduce elsewhere, if not remedy'd. 4, What the Radical Judicatories of the Church (the Supreme not excepted) may apprehend, with respect to their Intrinsick Power, from such Instances, but more especially this, if scruff'd over. As also, containing Mr. Chalmers's own Conduct, and the Part that the several Societies and Persons more directly engag'd, have acted from first to last, for and against his Transportation, and from what known Influence. Together with the Characters of a few on both Sides, drawn chiefly from their Management, and the Methods they push'd their Designs by. Some proper Reflections, and useful Observations, are intermixed throughout. *Jer.* 23, xi. *Psal.* 74. vi. *John* 10. i.

¶ JOHN ROGHEAD Merchant, from London, at his Brandy and Cordial-water Warehouse, at the Two guilded Pots over-against the Tron-Church, Edinburgh; Sells plain Brandies at 2 sh. a Pint, and 2 sh. 4 d. a Pint; Orange and Limon Brandies, and Irish Usquebaugh, all at Half-a-crown the Pint; Double Cinamon Water at 5 sh. and Cinamon Water at 3 sh. the Pint; Double Anniseseed-water at 2 sh. and Single Anniseseed-water at 18 d. a Pint; Double Geneva at 2 sh. and Single Geneva at 16 d. the Pint; True Barbadoes Citron Water at 10 sh. the Bottle; finest Irish Usquebaugh and Citron Water, both at 4 sh. a Bottle; Also the fine Cordial Bitter for the Stommach, at 6 d. the Viol bottle. N. B. Reasonable Allowance is made to any Person who buys Quantities.

¶ That upon the 29th Day of April Inst. at 10 of the Clock before Noon, in the House or Shop last possest by umquhile David Stewart Merchant in Edinburgh, at the Head of Kinloch's Close; there is to be sold by public Roup, by Warrant of the Commissaries of Edinburgh, some Merchant-Goods and Household-Plenishing, a Pair of Double-barrell'd Pistles, a Pocket-pistle, and an old Silver Watch, having Chain and Pendulum, marked L. Richard, London, with small Silver Chain, and small Silver Seal, belonging to the said Defunct.

¶ That upon the 2d Wednesday of May next, being the 11 thereof, betwixt the Hours of 10 and 12 in the Forenoon, there will be exposed to Sale (by voluntar Roup) at the House of the Earl of Kinnoul at Duppline, within 2 Miles to the West of the Town of Perth, a Parcel of English Oxen, Stotts and Bulls, and of English Cows and Queys, in all about 70; of the Brood of Sir William Saintquintine, Mr. Crofts, and Mr. Leeds; some of 5 Years old, some of 4, some, of 3, some of 2, and others of one. Whoever has a-mind to offer for said Cattle, may call at Mr. James Ramsay Factor to the Earl of Kinnoul, upon any Day betwixt and the said 2d Wednesday of May next, who will order the Cattle to be shown.

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The Author of this Paper thinks fit to intimate to the Noblemen, Gentlemen, &c. who are furnished with the same, that the last Quarter of the 6th Year, ednde the 25th of this Month of April, 1726. Therefore, he expects they will pay up the old Arrears, with this current Quarter, as they would be served with the same for the future. Also, because of his great Advance for the Stampt Paper, Printing, and other weekly Gharges, he expects, for the Time to come, the Quarter-payments will be made at the Commencement of each Quarter.